

ASSURE WILSON REPEAL BILL WILL PASS IN HOUSE

Even Opponents of Administration's Panama Canal Measure Concede Victory to President in Coming Vote.

"TEMPEST IN TEAPOT" SAYS SOLON OF DEBATE

Rep. Thomas of Kentucky Satirizes Speakers—Californian Declares U. S. Must Repeal to Uphold Honor.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Congressional leaders of the administration's fight to repeal the tolls clause of the Panama canal act which called at the white house this forenoon told Pres. Wilson that the success of the Sims bill was assured in the house and that when the vote is taken this evening it will have a substantial majority for the measure.

Even among the representatives who have opposed the repeal it was generally conceded that the administration would win. They declared, however, that it would have a majority of from 50 to 75 were exaggerated.

The main question was whether the majority for repeal would be less or greater than the vote by which the rule limiting debate was carried. Gain or loss by either faction in house would affect the result in the senate.

Minority Leader Mann had reserved his speech against the repeal for Tuesday.

Rep. Sherley of Kentucky, favoring the repeal, and Rep. Covington of Maryland, close in the confidence of the president, also were to speak at the final day of debate to present their cause.

Rep. Kent of California, the only independent in the house, was primed for his anti-freel trade argument.

Clark to Close Debate.

Speaker Clark was assigned to make the final assault on the repeal.

By the conditions of the rule the Sims bill the discussion was limited to 20 hours. When the house convened Tuesday, all but five hours and thirty-two minutes of this time had been exhausted.

The speaker received an ovation when he entered the chamber, but he quickly checked this by banging the gavel. He then reminded house members and occupants of the galleries that the debate of the day was to be extremely important.

"I hope it will not be acrimonious," said the speaker, "but I want to remind everybody that order must be preserved all day or the galleries may be closed."

A quorum quickly drifted in, anyway. Rep. Nolan of California, opened the debate with a five minute speech against the repeal. He attacked the administration for surrendering to Great Britain.

"Let King George build the Nicaragua canal and secure magnificent England will be," he said.

Tempests in a Teapot.

"After listening to previous debate," said Rep. Thomas, of Kentucky, "I have almost come to the conclusion that this is the last of a series of struggles here is after all a mere tempest in a teapot, and that in a few weeks it will be forgotten. The democratic party need not fear but that it will soon be together again, the stronger for this experience. The gentleman from Washington, Mr. Humphrey, has told us that the ass knows its master's whip. He is a competent authority on both whips and asses because for many years his nose was deep in the republican trough."

"The gentleman from Oregon, Mr. LaFerty, also has told us our duty, dancing around here like a tomtom on a pump handle. I have been permitted to witness the anxiety of our republican friends that the repeal of the Panama canal act which permits American coastwise vessels to pass free through the canal."

Clark Cites Decisions.

Defending the economic policy of three tolls and citing court decisions of its legality, Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, charged the repeal of the Panama canal act which permits American coastwise vessels to pass free through the canal.

The speaker declared that this policy was a foundation of solemn platform obligations and demanded that the democrats hold true to the faith proclaimed by their national convention. He declared that he is not a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in 1916 for most prominent men, Richmond Pearson Hobson and Oscar W. Underwood, the race not only has all of Alabama by the ears, but all of the country is turning its attention to it, as well.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mrs. Lawrence Lewis is one of the women devoting time and thought and energy to securing the passage of an amendment to the United States constitution, providing for suffrage to all women in this country.

She is a member of the executive board of the Congressional union, the organization which has won the name of the "militant wing" of the American suffrage movement.

TERRE HAUTE POLICE CHIEF JAILED, PROMISED IMMUNITY TO WITNESS

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 31.—Judge C. M. Fortune, presiding in the trial of Mayor Donn M. Roberts, indicted for election frauds, this morning sent Superintendent of Police Ed. Holler to jail for contempt, because a witness testified that Holler promised to drop the prosecution of him for not having an automobile license if he would "go easy" on Donn in his testimony.

The witness was Walter Myers, who told a story of driving bunches of voters to registration places last October, and that he was paid by Richard Wernecke, chairman of the democratic city committee and now prosecuting attorney and who got the money from Roberts to Myers' personal knowledge. He said that on one trip to the democratic headquarters Roberts and Wernecke changed hats with two of the repeaters that they might go back to a registration place they had already visited.

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RUM VILLAGE IS SOUGHT BY REALTY MEN

City Must Act Promptly if Tract is to Be Saved for Park Site.

That Rum Village, historic landmark, once the property of Chief Rum, a Pottawatomie Indian, now belonging to the Mrs. Peter E. Studebaker estate, is in danger of losing its woodland splendor and being chopped up into city lots for residence building by the "Pale Faces," thus to be forever lost to South Bend for park purposes, was leaked out Tuesday, the leak probably resulting from the story that appeared in The News-Times Sunday morning.

A company of real estate men are said to be figuring on the purchase of the 100-acre plat, remove the major portion of the trees, and convert it into a new city addition.

That the board of park commissioners, or in case of their failure to act, then the mayor, should take prompt steps to get hold of this property for park purposes, and prevent its further commercialization, must be the judgment of every citizen who is a park advocate. Rum Village is otherwise commonly known as the Studebaker woods, is located to the south of South Bend, beyond W. Ewing ave., and is the only remaining woodland fit for a natural park in the vicinity of the city.

Its possession and equipment would place South Bend quite on a par with Grand Rapids, with its John Ball park; Jackson, Mich., with its Loomis farm, and with a number of Indiana cities, that have exercised a similar foresight and civic pride.

Members of the park board are Irving Jackson, Richard Elbel, Dr. E. J. Leary and Horace L. Greene, and people who believe in the desirability of the park purchase, should guess from this where to go to exercise their influence. That they have taken prompt steps to get hold of this property, or it may be that they have not known that the property is slipping away. It would at least do them no harm to make some effort to get hold of the tract, and if they fail, to try to forestall a sale until municipal action can be taken, should it prove desirable. If the weight of public opinion needs fall upon their spine to make them act, the quicker it falls, apparently the better.

Real Historic Spot.

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DIXIE PAYS TRIBUTE TO "BLUE AND GRAY"



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DALLAS, Texas.—The women of Texas believe "There is Glory Enough for All," and with that sentiment as their motto, they are collecting a fund of \$100,000 with which to erect a monument to the heroes of the civil war. The work is being directed by Mrs. Lottie M. Sligh, who has a shaft, which is to be located at Dallas, will be surrounded by life-sized figures of Grant and Lee, Lincoln and Davis.

MOB LYNCHES NEGRESS
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MUSKOGEE, Okla., March 31.—The people of Wagoner, 15 miles north of Muskogee, took the law into their own hands this morning and lynched Marie Scott, a negress, who Sunday night killed Lemuel Peace, a young white man, by stabbing him in the heart. A mob of 100 masked men went to the jail before daylight, aroused the sleepy jailer, covered him with guns, placed a rope around the woman's neck and departed. A block from the jail they hanged her to a telephone cable. The woman did not make an outcry and the mob worked so quietly that the town was not aroused. The body was taken down an hour later by the sheriff. The county attorney has started an inquiry Tuesday, but no warrants have been issued. The sentiment of Wagoner people appears to be with the mob. Wagoner is one of the counties in which negroes convicted of murder were sentenced to the gallows.

TAKES DAY AND A HALF
TO GET JURY TO TRY
SAPP SECOND TIME

Impaneling a jury to hear the second trial of Walter N. Sapp, saloon keeper, charged with operating a blind tiger, took nearly a day and a half in city court. Thirty talesmen were called by the court bailiff to appear to serve.

One was excused when he told the attorney for the defense that he gave \$12 a year to the Anti-Saloon league, while several were not permitted to sit when they said they had already formed their opinion in the case.

Two witnesses, Christian Sorwick and Samuel Koczorski, were put on the stand for the defense. It is believed the case will not go to the jury until the last of the week.

CASE SENT TO ELKHART
Suit of George Stewart Against Richard Kocgan is Changed.

The damage suit of George W. Stewart against Richard C. Kocgan, saloon keeper, transferred to the Elkhart superior court Tuesday by Judge Funk, in the circuit court. Stewart is suing Kocgan in connection with the building of a sewer here.

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VELASCO ASKING TERMS OF VILLA; ARMIES RESTING

Huerta Demands That Federal Leader Fight to the End—More Troops to Be Rushed to Torreon to Aid Defense

MAIN PLAZA ALONE IN HANDS OF GOVERNMENT

Report Says City Has Fallen But Denial Comes From Mexico City—President May Take Field.

JUAREZ, Mexico, March 31.—An armistice has halted the bloody battle of Torreon, according to reports current at rebel headquarters early Tuesday. General Refugio Velasco, federal commander in the beleaguered city, is said to be negotiating with General Villa for a surrender of the army. Both reports were partially confirmed by officers close to Provisional President Carranza, who said that Carranza had received a despatch from Villa late last night in which the rebel commander in chief had put the entire matter up to his superior, to decide whether the terms asked by Velasco should be granted.

General Carranza sent a long reply to Villa this morning but the instructions at rebel headquarters early Tuesday were that the rebels contained were not divulged. The rumors circulated here and not denied by any one in authority were to the effect that General Velasco had demanded full amnesty for his federal troops.

Federals Hold Plaza.

Advices received just before the report of an armistice indicated that the rebels, who were making the great part of Torreon, had been unable to penetrate into the main plaza, where General Velasco had gathered his best troops and concentrated his artillery to sweep every avenue of approach.

Another strong point held by the federals was two Cuarteles in the western part of the city. These lie in a basin which is of great strategic advantage, the only entrance being easily defended by machine guns. General Villa suffered terrible losses in attempting to capture this strategic point on Monday.

Ordered To Hold Out.

MEXICO CITY, March 31.—Velasco, Torreon: The Mexican government instructs you to fight to the end. Do not surrender Torreon under any conditions. Reinforcements coming to aid you.

The foregoing despatch was sent from the government wireless station here early Tuesday. To insure that it was received at Torreon Minister Blauquet instructed the wireless operator at Saltillo to take it ashore and relay it to Torreon.

"We are confident that General Velasco will not surrender until he is absolutely crushed," said General Blauquet.

President Huerta was again in conference with army officers during the night. National palace attaches refused to discuss the conferences or the report that the president was completing preparations to take the field at the head of his army. That a big troop movement was contemplated was indicated by orders to railroad officials to hold in readiness enough cars to form ten special trains.

The situation at Tampico is also believed to be critical. Latest reports indicate that severe fighting is going on near that city and that military reinforcements are being sent there because they have not been paid for several weeks.

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